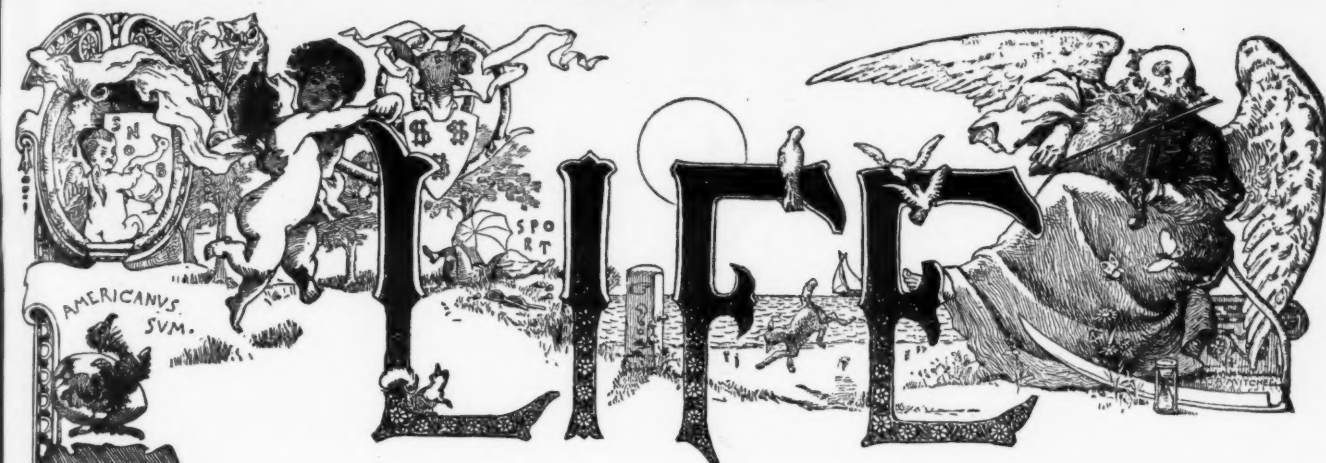


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*To the Editor of LIFE:*

My father was an Englishman who married an American, and I was born in Hoboken. Of what nationality am I?

ANXIOUS.

*Ans.*—German.

#### DISCOVERED.

**BURGLAR** (*soliloquizing*): Well, I guess that's all I can get here.

**WAITER** (*talking in his sleep*): Haven't you forgotten something, sir?

(Exit burglar—sash and all.)

#### AT AN EBB.

**MR. VAN ETEN** (*trying to conceal a yawn*): Where did you say you were going this summer?

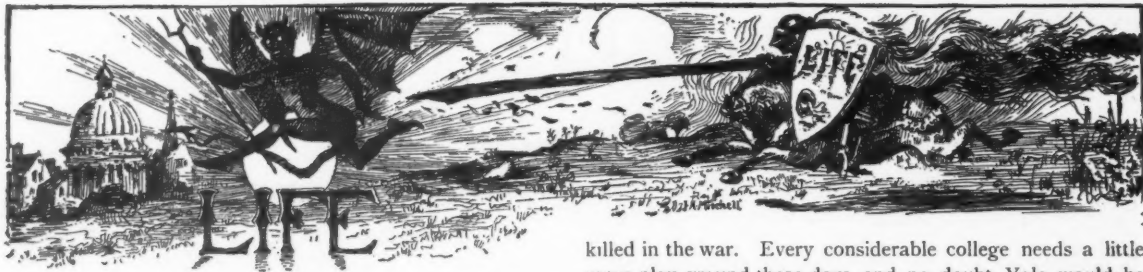
**MISS MARIGOLD** (*who has seen his struggle*): Mr. Van Etten, I am having just as hard a time as you are, and I should feel indebted if you would yawn for me also.

#### BROUGHT HOME.

**ROMANTIC MISS**: Did it ever occur to you what wonderful sights the deep sea divers must behold?

**PRACTICAL MAN**: Yes, once. It was when I was at sea in a storm.





"While there's Life there's Hope."

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IT was Mark Twain, wasn't it, who learned while abroad, that Italy had been put together by the Creator from designs by Michael Angelo? An analogous discovery is well known to have been made by the Hon. Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, whose researches in American history have sufficed to convince him that the political Angelo of the United States was Alexander Hamilton. It is not quite true that what Hamilton did not do for this country was not, in Mr. Lodge's opinion, worth doing, but it is reasonably accurate to attribute to Mr. Lodge the belief that nothing that Hamilton failed to do was as well done as it would have been if Hamilton had done it. In several particulars Hamilton's designs miscarried. He failed to set up an American monarchy for one thing, and for another, he failed in spite of everything in filching from the several States the management of their several concerns and bestowing it upon the general Government. It has been a sore point with Mr. Lodge these many years, as any one may know who will read his books, that Hamilton was balked in this last particular, and there is nothing that need surprise anyone in the Massachusetts member's recent activity in the House over a bill designed to remedy in part his great exemplar's failure. The bill is known variously as the "Federal Election Bill," or as the "Infamous Force Bill," according to taste. It has passed the House, and it may have passed the Senate by the time these lines reach the reader's eye, in which case there will be little comfort in the report that it was rejected by the Harvard Alumni on Commencement Day, by a large majority. That report, by-the-way, was inaccurate. It was Mr. Lodge, not his politics nor his bill, that Harvard rejected. All the same, it is a pity that Alexander Hamilton did not live long enough to learn the errors of some of his theories, and excuse Mr. Lodge from supporting them.

MR. HIGGINSON, of Boston, set a pretty precedent the other day, in giving a new play-ground to Harvard College, in memory of six gallant comrades of his who were

killed in the war. Every considerable college needs a little more play-ground these days, and no doubt Yale would be only too pleased to have her bounds extended. If Yale graduates had anything of Mr. Higginson's spirit in them, they would buy a square of vacant land conveniently contiguous to the college ball-ground and give it in the memory of Alonzo Stagg. And they would also buy some sort of water-right, an oyster bed on the Sound, perhaps, and dedicate that to Robert J. Cook. These two gentlemen ought to be commemorated in some permanent and handsome way. It is believed that five per cent. of the spoils of which Yale, through their individual efforts, has been enabled to relieve Harvard, would suffice to build them both monuments such as New York would like to see over General Grant. Mr. Stagg says that he has stood in the Yale "box" for the last time. Good-bye, Reverend Sir. If in later years it should come to lie heavy on your soul that you stood between your Yale-fellows and much discipline of defeat that might have been useful to them, it will be yours to remember for your solace that all the discipline that your twists have cost Yale have been gained by Harvard. After all, it is at Cambridge that there are the most souls; so there has been no misapplication of your missionary zeal.

IT must exasperate reformers like Tolstoi and Mona Caird, who are trying to prove that marriage is stuffed with sawdust and sin, to have the moment when people go and get themselves into the marriage state made the very most notorious moment of their lives. It was Mrs. Navarro who set the world an example the other day, and now it is Mrs. Stanley. A good example it is, in spite of Caird's and Tolstoi's, and Mr. Punch's advice.

THE more you think of it the harder it is not to be convinced that Five Billions Ingalls is a blatherskite. Five Billions, you remember, is Ingalls' estimate of the proper sum to spend in pensions.

WHAT an interesting rumor that is which names Bishop Potter as a possible successor of the Hon. W. M. Evarts, in the United States Senate.

THE successful suit against the Encyclopedia pirates is a very notable event in the annals of copyright. We may live to see publishers join with grocers and dry goods men in admitting that Honesty is the best Policy, after all.


MONEY COMES AND MONEY GOES.

**M**ONEY comes and money goes,  
Where it goeth no one knows.  
In the palm the bauble lies,  
Presto! and away it flies,  
Nimbly through the fingers slips  
As kisses from a lover's lips;  
When it comes it will not stay,  
Leaps about and rolls away,

Lust of gain, the preacher cries,  
At the root of evil lies;  
Yet 'tis gain that prompts to give,  
So while living, let us live.  
Four from three—it can't be done  
Unless, perchance, we borrow one;  
Then its loss we lightly feel  
With each turn of fortune's wheel.

*Harold Van Santvoord.*

ONLY A POSSIBLE INTERVIEW.



**O**N being asked if he felt any happier for closing the Metropolitan Museum Sundays, one of the trustees displayed some anger, and retorted excitedly: "Happier! I should be guilty of a hideous crime if it were opened on that day. Think of the poor over-worked people who would pour into that building! Try and realize their enjoyment of those treasures!" A thrill of horror crept up his spine and played among the roots of his hair. "Never!" he exclaimed, "Never, so long as my voice as a trustee has any weight, never shall those beautiful objects serve the impious purpose of elevating a workingman on the Sabbath!"

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**I**N a Connecticut Sunday School a teacher was reading from St. Mark, V. to his class: "And the unclean spirit went out, and entered into the swine," etc., when a bright little boy said:

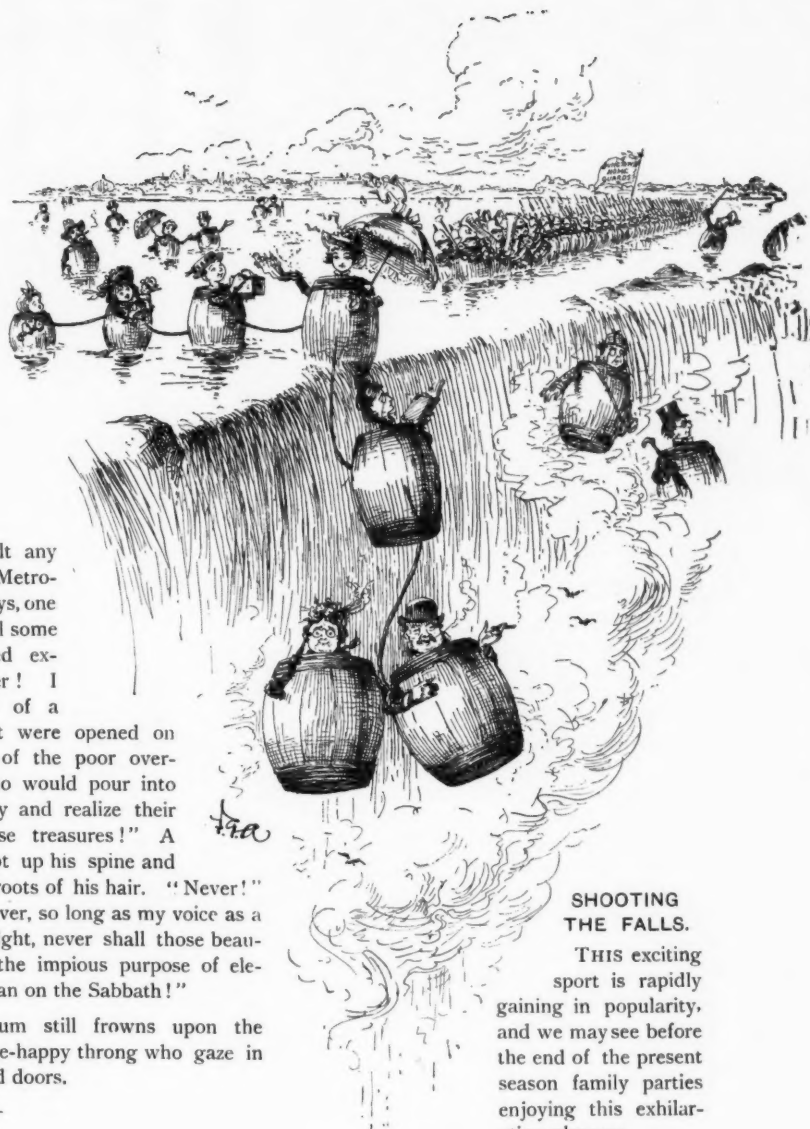
"I know where that happened."

"Indeed," replied the teacher, "how did you learn about it?"

"I heard my father tell Mrs. Lee, at our lunch, that the devilled ham came from Chicago."

**R**ICHES: I'm afraid of nothing!

**POVERTY:** And well you may be. He's a tough character. I know him well!



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A LINGUISTIC PRODIGY.

**A**DMIRING FRIEND: And your son is doing well with his languages?

**FOND MOTHER:** Yes, indeed; he now reads English, French and Edgar Saltus without a lexicon.



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THE whole United States has been pretty thoroughly roasted of late, and probably no one class of its citizens has suffered so much from this culinary process as the children of the poor. They cannot help themselves as the rest of us can, and they must suffer, and in many cases lose their little lives, unless those more fortunate in this world's goods come to their aid. Will you not join our rescuing party? Not to everyone comes the opportunity of saving a human life by a display of heroism, but here is an opportunity to reach the same end through generosity.

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"They was great times. I'm ould now; me hide's wore off in patches; sinthry-go has disconcerted me, an' I'm a married man, tu. But I've had my day, I've had my day, an' nothin' can take away the taste av that! Oh, my time past, whin I put me fut through ivry livin' wan av the Tin Commandmints between Revelly and Lights Out, blew the froth off a pewter, wiped me mustache wid the back av me hand, and slept on ut all as quiet as a little child!"

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*Droch.*



"THE TALE WAS A FALSE ONE."

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#### PALMISTRY.

A DARLING little soft, white hand,  
 Rose palmed and sweet to kiss;  
 No sculptor ever carved from stone  
 A fairer hand than this.

Upon my eyelids it would rest,  
 Or o'er my forehead pass,  
 Softer than ever rose-leaves fell  
 Upon the waving grass.

No other hand unto my heart  
 Could greater solace bring  
 Unless, mayhap it chanced to be  
 Four aces and a king.

F. H. Curtiss.

#### FILLING A WANT.

THERE is talk of reducing the course of study at Harvard from four years to three," said McCrackle.

"The idea is to give more time to base ball, I suppose," replied McCorkle.

#### HARD LUCK.

"WHY so down-cast?"  
 "I lost a magnificent umbrella yesterday."

"Leave it in the car?"

"No; I met the owner of it on the street and he recognized it at once."

BLACK: Say, White, can you tell me what alligators eat?

WHITE: All live ones do, I believe.



"I HEARD A COMPLIMENT FOR YOU LAST NIGHT, MIRIAM."

"WHAT WAS IT, LIZETTE?"

"COL. BRONSON SAID YOU WERE EXCEEDINGLY WELL PRESERVED."

#### ONE FOR THE CITY OF THE DEAD.

MR. MURRAY HILL: You Philadelphians are so much slower than we are, you know, chappie.

MR. FAIRMOUNT PARKE: Yes, dear boy, we may be slower, but we are just as "fast."









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*Sadie (after the visitors had gone):* SAY, MAMMA, KEEP THEM ON A LITTLE WHILE."

"KEEP WHAT ON, DEAR?"

"YOUR COMPANY MANNERS."

## IN TRAINING.

**H**ARRY (*looking over manuscript*): You don't expect any editor will accept such stuff as that, do you?"

JACK: Certainly not! It has been refused by seven already."

HARRY: Why under the sun, do you keep on sending it round?"

JACK: I'm trying to discover in how many ways a thing can be courteously declined.

HARRY: What for?"

JACK: I promised to go with Imogene to the dinner of the Mystic Cooking Club.

## PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY.

**H**E: Would you care much if I should steal a kiss?"

**SHE** (*strictly Puritanic*): I should. I could not bear to look at you again, should I know you to be guilty of violating, in the smallest degree, one of the commandments. If you must have a kiss, occasionally, ask me for it and I will be only too willing to donate it, but you must not steal it.

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DRILL RECALL.

Sergeant: NOW, THEN, NUMBER ONE, KEEP YOUR HORSE'S HEAD UP.

NOT LONG ENOUGH FOR THAT.

AMBITION DEFINED.

**T**OURIST: Do we stop here long enough for luncheon?  
BRAKEMAN: We do, unless you insist on eating a whole sandwich.

**"M**Y son, define ambition."  
"Well, it's always feeling that you want to do something that you know you can't."



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A Egg.



A Egg Plant.

CHEW.  
HAY.

CHOOSE.  
HAZE.



Mary is milk-ing the cow.  
The cow is chew-ing hay.  
Is Mary chew-ing hay, too?  
No, Mary is not chew-ing hay-too;  
Mary is chew-ing to-lu.



Is it a rab-bit? No, it is not a rab-bit; it is a cat. Will the girl play with the cat? No, the girl will not play with the cat. It is a pole-cat.

## THE ISLES OF THE SEA.

WHERE Atlantic waves fall on the echoing strand,  
Where the rays of the morning first greet our fair land,  
There, girt by old ocean, the islands abound—  
Bright gems with whose lustre Columbia is crowned.  
Isles of the sea! Green isles of the sea!  
Oh, list while the Muse sings your praises to me!

There are islands afar, there are islands anear;  
There's Fire Isle, to the heart of the fisherman dear;  
Shelter Island o'erlooks the calm waves of its bay;  
Then there's quaint old Nantucket—Block Island more gay.  
Isles of the sea! Fair isles of the sea!  
Sweet dreams of your beauties are coming to me!

Mount Desert—ah, she's nature's most exquisite spot;  
Her glories my feeble song compasseth not;  
Where are waters so blue, where are forests so green  
As those that proclaim her of islets the queen?  
Isles of the sea! Loved isles of the sea!  
Sweet sirens, your voices are calling to me!

Yet, spite of the pleasures that wait those who roam,  
I've a fancy (a strange one?) to tarry at home;  
For here—and pray what can a mortal want more?—  
I find comfort and rest and enjoyment galore.  
Isles of the sea! Sweet isles of the sea!  
But the dear little isle of Manhattan for me!

R. H. Titherington.



Prison Missionary: MY POOR FELLOW, WHAT ARE YOU IN HERE FOR?

Prisoner: FOR NOT HAVIN' ENOUGH POLITICAL INFLUENCE TO GIT ME OUT.



THE GIRL GRADUATE.

SHE was versed in old Assyrian  
And the dialect Illyrian,  
Could identify the Tyrian  
Effect on punctuation;  
Knew the theory of philanthropy;  
Told her hearers that misanthropy  
Came through midnight lunches  
and through pie,  
But she failed in osculation.—*Ex.*

A PRISONER was being tried for his life in the days when horse stealing was a capital offense. The evidence was all against him, and he had no defense but an alibi—swore it was a case of mistaken identity, that he was a sailor and was away in the West Indies on some cutting-out expedition at the time when the affair happened, thousands of miles away, and knew nothing whatever about it. Just before the vital, or lethal, moment of sentence, prisoner catches sight of a bluff, sailor-like gentleman, dozing in the magistrates' seats. "Lieutenant Maintop, ahoy!" he shouts; "the man who can prove my innocence." Sailor-

like man awakens with a start, rubs his eyes, is requested by the judge to recognize the prisoner, who excitedly calls to him that he is Jack Bowline, of her majesty's ship *Thunder*, one of the boat's crew who cut out the French frigate in Porto Rico Bay. Sailor-like man, flustered at being so suddenly awakened, and finding all eyes fixed on him, declares, in his hearty, honest fashion, that though there certainly was a Jack Bowline in his watch, and one of the aforesaid crew, he does not recognize him in the prisoner. Increasing, overpowering excitement of the prisoner, who, like all men, "will give all that he hath for his life;" sailor-like distress of the lieutenant, torn between the determination to say nothing but the absolute truth and the desire to save a fellow-creature's life. At last, says he: "If the man is Bowline he will be easily identified by a cut on the back of his head from a French cutlass, which he got under my very nose in that expedition, and fell back into my arms." Prisoner's head examined; just such a cut; triumphant acquittal; Bowline and the lieutenant leave the town together in a chaise and pair; cheers and subscription of thirty guineas for the poor, ill-used sailor prisoner. Three months later they were both hanged for highway robbery, prisoner and witness. Lieutenant Maintop and Jack Bowline were old accomplices in crime, the alibi and business of recognition being a well-arranged plan.—*Argonaut.*

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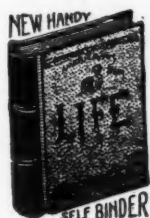


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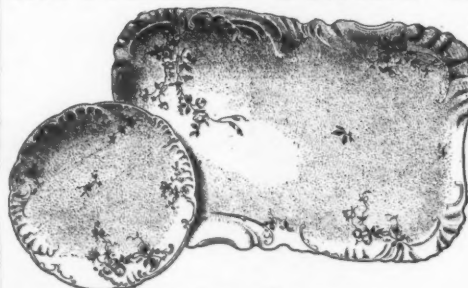
**CHARLES:** Silence is golden, you know.

**MURIEL:** You must be a millionaire, then. —*Pick Me Up.*

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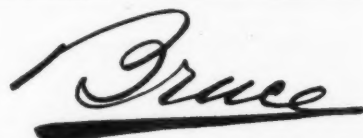
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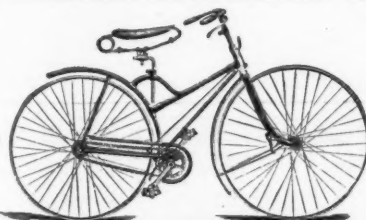
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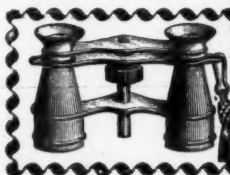
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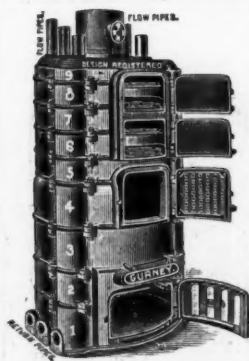
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